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AGRICULTURAL TRADE

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS NEW DRAFT TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT
DEVELOPED AFTER JUNE 18 MEETING BETWEEN STEFAN BURCA AND USDA
OFFICIALS.

2. JOINT STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL
TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ROMANIAN
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA.

- HAVING IN MIND THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE
JOINT STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON
DECEMBER 5, 1973 AND THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF THE US-
ROMANIAN JOINT STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION SIGNED IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 5,
1973,

- RECOGNIZING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOP-
MENT OF AMERICAN-ROMANIAN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE
FIELD OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTRIBUTING TO
THE LIBERALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE,

- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TRADITIONAL IMPORTANCE OF
AGRICULTURE IN AMERICAN-ROMANIAN TRADE BOTH IN IMPORTS AND
EXPORTS, AND THE DESIRE OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO EXPAND THIS
TRADE FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF THEIR ECONOMIES,

AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

I. TO ENSURE HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE IN
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AND TO FURTHER THE
OBJECTIVES OF THE US-ROMANIAN JOINT STATEMENT
OF DECEMBER 5, 1973 ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL
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COOPERATION, THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL EXCHANGE ON A REGULAR
BASIS AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION, INCLUDING STOCKS AND
FORWARD ESTIMATES ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND, AND TRADE IN MAJOR
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

II. BY ----- OF EACH YEAR ROMANIA WILL PROVIDE THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITH A LIST OF AGRICULTURAL
COMMODITIES AND THEIR QUANTITIES WHICH ROMANIA INTENDS TO

IMPORT FOR ITS OWN NEEDS FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE CROP YEARS, AND, AS CROP INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE THEREAFTER, THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE ROMANIA WITH ESTIMATES OF MARKET DEMAND AND EXPORT AVAILABILITIES.

THE UNITED STATES DECLARES ITS INTENTION TO ASSURE THAT ROMANIAN FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISES MAY PURCHASE COMMODITIES IN THE UNITED STATES MARKET, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITIES, UP TO THE LEVELS SPECIFIED IN THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE LIST TO BE PROVIDED BY ROMANIA.

WHILE THE UNITED STATES CANNOT PROVIDE ROMANIA WITH A LIST OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IT INTENDS TO IMPORT BECAUSE IMPORT DECISIONS ARE MADE BY PRIVATE TRADERS, THE UNITED STATES AGREES TO PROVIDE MARKETING INFORMATION WHEN REQUESTED BY THE ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY FOR PRODUCTS FOR WHICH THERE ARE POTENTIAL EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE U.S. MARKET.

III. THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES ROMANIA AS A TRADITIONAL AND VALUABLE CUSTOMER FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND WILL ACCORD FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR CCC CREDITS FOR EXPORTS TO ROMANIA NO LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN WILL BE ACCORDED TO APPLICATIONS FOR CREDITS FOR EXPORTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES UNDER THE CRITERIA THEN BEING APPLIED IN DETERMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF CCC CREDIT CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LAW.

IV. TO INTRODUCE MORE STABILITY INTO COMMODITY MARKETS, THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL ENCOURAGE THE CONCLUSION OF LONG-TERM PURCHASING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PRIVATE UNITED STATES EXPORTERS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND ROMANIAN FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISES.

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V. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VOLUME AND GROWTH OF TWO-WAY AGRICULTURAL TRADE TO BOTH COUNTRIES EACH DECLARES ITS INTENTION TO FACILITATE BILATERAL TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. CONSISTENT WITH ITS DOMESTIC LEGAL AUTHORITY, EACH COUNTRY AFFIRMS THE DESIRABILITY OF TREATING IMPORTS FROM THE OTHER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOST FAVORED NATION PRINCIPLE AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.

THE UNITED STATES NOTES THAT ROMANIA, AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR TARIFF TREATMENT ACCORDED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

VI. THE TWO COUNTRIES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE EXISTENCE

OF COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN THE PAST AND AGREED TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY PROGRAM FOR THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO ENCOURAGE JOINT VENTURES OR OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATE U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE FIRMS THEY REPRESENT. AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST FOR THIS TYPE OF COOPERATION WILL BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON.

VIII. IN ORDER TO PROMOTE FURTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE, A PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AMERICAN-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION. THIS WORKING GROUP WILL MEET NOT LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY AND TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA. IN ORDER TO PROMOTE FURTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE, THE WORKING GROUP WILL ALSO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF FUTURE CLOSER COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE.

IX. BOTH COUNTRIES SUPPORT THE TOKYO DECLARATION ON THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREE THAT NOTHING IN THIS DECLARATION SHALL PREJUDICE OR MODIFY EXISTING UNDER-

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TAKINGS BY EITHER COUNTRY UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE. END OF TEXT.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE ABSENCE OF ANNEXES TO JOINT STATEMENT. APPARENT ROMANIAN UNDERSTANDING IS THAT JOINT STATEMENT WOULD INCLUDE THREE ANNEXES ON ECONOMIC DATA EXCHANGE, AGRICULTURAL R AND T COOPERATION AND AGRIBUSINESS COOPERATION. AS SET FORTH REF A PARA 3, OUR UNDERSTANDING ON BASIS OF FAS/BURCA MEETING IS THAT USDA AND ROMANIAN MINAG WOULD DEVELOP OVER SUMMER THREE DRAFT APPENDICES. THESE APPENDICES WILL BE FINALIZED IN MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE WHICH WILL MEET JUST PRIOR TO FALL SESSION OF US-ROMANIAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION. APPENDICES IN FINAL FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE THIS CLARIFICATION WITH MINAG. AS STATED REF B, PARA 1 WE PREFER THAT JOINT STATEMENT BE GENERAL IN NATURE WITH DETAILS OF ECONOMIC DATA EXCHANGE, AGRICULTURAL R AND T, AND AGRIBUSINESS COOPERATION WORKED OUT BY AGRICULTURAL WG. EMBASSY MAY ADD THAT SIMILAR PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WITH POLES.

4. REVIEW OF STATUS OF THREE APPENDICES:

I. EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA--BURCA AGREED TO GET GOR CLEARANCE FOR DATA EXCHANGE AND DRAFT APPENDIX ON BASIS OF U.S. REQUEST LIST. AS REQUESTED REF C, COPY OF U.S. LIST BEING POUCHED. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS WITH GOR PRIMARY IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE. WE WILL EXPECT ASSURANCES BEFORE SIGNING OF JOINT STATEMENT THAT GOR WILL PROVIDE DATA EQUIVALENT TO THAT REQUESTED BY USDA.

II. COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY--DRAFT APPENDIX IN PREPARATION AT USDA AND WILL BE CABLED WHEN AVAILABLE.

III. AGRIBUSINESS COOPERATION--ROMANIANS HAVE DRAFTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS APPENDIX. WE HOPE TO USE PROPOSED INTERAGENCY GROUP TRIP (REF B) TO FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL AGRIBUSINESS PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN THIS APPENDIX. KISSINGER

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